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H E President Ghulam Ishaq Khan

Excellency,

Assalaam Alaikum wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatuhu.

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits.

Excellency, Pakistan is a great Muslim country and rightly revered and loved by Muslims the world over. It is with regret therefore that I write to you concerning an issue which could damage its honour and good name and which is currently causing many Muslims great anguish.

We have received disturbing reports that some 40 Arab Mujahideen have been arrested in Peshawar and are being held in Hayatabad prison. These Mujahideen fought valiantly for the Afghan Jihad but now it is understood that their respective governments want them returned so they can be punished for their political views. If sent back to their countries, they will undoubtedly face severe persecution. Among them is Mr Ibrahim Naji who was tried by the Egyptian government in absentia and given the death sentence. He is certain to be executed if returned to Egypt.

I request Your Excellency to consider their case carefully. If they are suspected of wrong-doing in Pakistan surely they should be tried in Pakistan under due process of the law and if, for any reason, it is not possible to give asylum in Pakistan to those who are now being held solely on account of their political beliefs, then they should at least be allowed to go to any country of their choice, instead of being repatriated to their native countries. These people have made great sacrifices for the cause of Islam and it is an Islamic as well as a human duty to protect them. We have great hope and faith in you that you will save them from the danger they face.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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